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BACK TO OLD MISSOURI WITH HAPPY HEARTS.

Robert McNear Weds Miss Jennings in
Indian Territory and Is
Coming Home in
Triumph.

The Tribulations of the
Centralia Lovers
Are Over.

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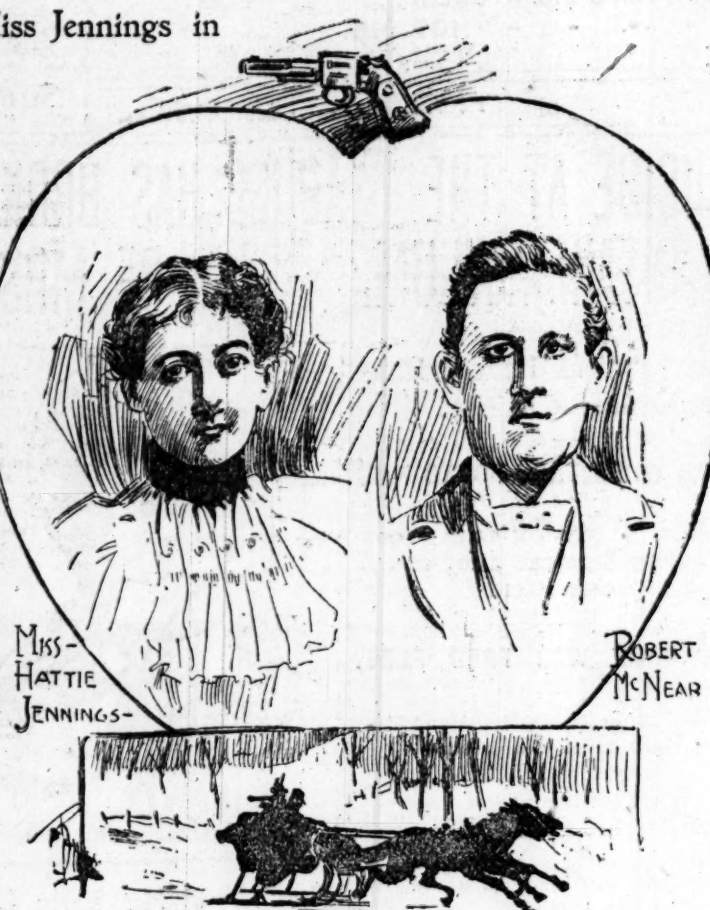
CENTRALIA, Mo., Dec. 24.—Back to Missouri from the wilds of the Indian Territory a train from Miami, in the Ottawa Nation, is to-day bearing Robert McNear and his bride. The young man, after many disappointments, finally succeeded in obtaining a marriage license at Miami and he and Miss Hattie Jennings were married.

The story of their tribulations, as told in the Post-Dispatch, has aroused more interest than any incident that has ever taken place with Centralia's Central figures.

At first sentiment was divided. Many took the side of William McGraw, the lover who was thrown over at the eleventh hour for McNear, but the introduction of McGraw's revolver in his suit for Miss Jennings's hand, McNear's flight behind swift horses and on a railway train to Indian Territory in pursuit of a license to wed, and the couple's troubles to get the necessary legal documents, have all contributed to place the sympathy of the community on McNear's side. All Centralia will watch for the triumphant home-coming of the pair.

Both McNear and his bride are well-known here. The former is a member of the same high school graduating class. Miss Jennings is the daughter of Warner Jennings, a wealthy farmer, living near Centralia, this (Boone) county. She is 17 years old.

McGraw says that he still loves Miss Jennings, and believes that she wanted to marry him. He says that Saturday night he took Miss Hattie to church at Centralia and they sat during the sermon with crossed hands, and she readily consented, but out of respect to the mother he had asked the hand of her daughter in marriage, and she readily consented, but to his surprise Sunday morning he discovered that Robert McNear, Miss



Miss Hattie Jennings and Robert McNear. Made Happy at Miami. And Miss Hattie Jennings, the eloping Miss. VINITA, I. T., Dec. 24.—Robert McNear

MYSTERY OF NORTH ST. LOUIS.

Detectives Baffled by the
Weinand Murder.

THEY CAN ONLY THEORIZE.

CERTAIN THE MEN WHO STRAN-
GLED THE OLD MAN WERE
KNOWN BY HIM.

NOT A CLEW OF IMPORTANCE.

Verdict of Homicide Rendered by the
Coroner With the Familiar Phrase
Added, "By the Hands of
Persons Unknown."

The Coroner's inquest into the murder of
aged Jacob Weinand was continued Friday
morning with the examination of witnesses
who corroborated the story of Joseph Mit-
chell's whereabouts on the afternoon of the
crime.

As to the crime itself the witnesses could
throw no new light upon the murder.
The Fifth District police and the detectives
confer themselves baffled.

Every clock in that part of town keeps
different time, according to the testimony
of witnesses. The ordinary five minutes
difference in time amounts to little, but all
the clocks about there differed from five
minutes to twenty minutes.

It has been established that the murder
was done by men who were not only fam-
iliar with the green sea, but who knew that
both Weinand and his wife were away
from home. The coroner's inquest has been
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Detectives Keller and others at work
continuously on the case, does not think
the piece of jeans cloth, rolled into a wad
and jammed down the old man's throat,
is much of a clue. He thinks the robbers
didn't go to the house prepared to
commit murder, and the gag that choked
the life out of the victim was a piece of
clothing that turned out on the floor with
the contents of all the drawers were thrown
out and scattered.

The kitchen of Joseph Russell's house
overlooked the yard from which was the
only entrance to Weinand's rooms. Russell
rented from him. He had worked only
about two months this year and needed
money badly.

The day of the murder Russell got a dol-
lar, which had been paid his wife for work
done. Russell, of this he spent 30 cents for
whisky.

When Russell came into the yard from the
kitchen, he saw a man standing in the
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His wife, questioned by the detectives for
hours, told him that she saw no one in the
yard the afternoon of the murder. At the
inquest she swore she saw a man standing
in a hurry through the yard.

But there was nothing in the inquest tes-
timony to hold Russell.

HIP FRACTURED BY A FALL.

Mrs. Belle Castleman Carroll
in a Hospital.

SLIPPED ON AN ICY WALK.

SHE MAY BE CRIPPLED FOR LIFE
AND WILL BE MONTHS
IN BED.

A FAMOUS SOUTHERN BEAUTY.

Although a Kentuckian by Birth, This
State Claims Her, and She Has
Frequently Represented
It Officially.

Mrs. Belle Castleman Carroll was invited
to pass the Christmas holidays with the
family of Gov. Bradley in her native State,
Kentucky.

She is at St. Luke's Hospital with a broken
hip.

Friday morning Mrs. Wilsman applied for
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Johann heard her story he refused to issue
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CORPORATIONS SCORE AGAIN.

E. M. Paxson to Be Interstate
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TO REPLACE COL. MORRISON.

THE REPUBLICANS WILL THEN
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PLAYERS ARE NOT FOR SALE.

He Says, Too, That All Negotiations Relating to the Disposal of the Club Are Now Off.

Despite the published statements in newspapers in League cities to the effect that President Von der Ahe of the St. Louis Browns had been trying to sell his players to the highest bidder, and for cash only, that gentleman this morning sends in the following letter, denying that any of his players are for sale:

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 23.
To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch:
I wish to state most emphatically that none of the players obtained from Philadelphia-Taylor, Clements, Cross and Dowd have ever been offered for sale or exchange, nor will they be. There is now no deal on hand regarding any of our players. I made an exchange for Hart because I considered that after fourteen years of service that player's days of usefulness were over, and because the Pittsburgh people did not think so. I was enabled to make a most advantageous deal for St. Louis, which will be made very evident next summer.
All negotiations regarding the purchase of the St. Louis franchise have been declared off, and any statement to the contrary is a falsehood. Satisfactory arrangements have been made, and all parties posing as purchasers will show good taste by keeping in the background in future and by not working the free advertising racket to death, for the public has been spoiled. Let the matter rest, and give me a square deal. Yours truly,
CHRIS VON DER AHE.

The newspapers throughout the country are discussing the probability of Capt. Anson of the Chicago Cubs coming here, and all of them appear to think it would be a good thing if he would come. The Cincinnati Enquirer says:
"What a rare, good thing it would be for the National League if the rumors about Anson joining the Browns were true. Such a move would solve two or three problems that have been puzzling baseball people for some time. With Anson at the head of the Browns, confidence would be restored, and one of the most paying cities in the circuit would soon become one of the best."
With Anson away from the managerial



BASE BALL ON SKATES.

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They Are Playing That Kind of a Game in St. Louis Just Now.

The newest thing in the sporting line is base ball on skates.
A game of this description is played every day at noon on the big lot on Locust and Sixteenth streets, adjoining the Christian Publishing Co.'s establishment.
All the boys who work in the neighborhood, including bookkeepers, pressmen, compositors and devils, meet on this lot every day at noon and have a high old time.

Just now the lot is covered with ice, but a game of base ball is played on it all the same, each player having equipped himself with a pair of skates and doing as good work on them as though on the bare ground.
To-day, at noon, beside the players, a big crowd looked on admiringly at the game in progress and cries of "Hole yer base, Skins!" and "Throw it here, Red!" pierced the air and made one think it was summer time again.
The players have only been playing on skates since the late freeze set in, but even in this brief time they have become adepts at the game and the way they slide around the bases and skate after a fly is enough to make the hair of the average citizen stand on end.

THE WEST END LEAGUE.

Schedule of Games to Be Played by the Clubs of the Organization.

The players of the West End Foot Ball League are requested to report Sunday at their respective places or else have their club forfeit a game. The clubs will play as follows: Visitation and Ack Juniors at 2 p. m. at King's highway and Spaulding avenue; St. Matthews and Kiondikes at 4 p. m. at King's highway and Spaulding avenue; Lindell and Trilby at 2 p. m. at Lindell Park.
Players are requested to report on time on account of Mr. Delehanty's benefit Christmas. This league will suspend games on that day.
George Clark is also requested to report Sunday instead of Christmas by the Visitation Foot Ball Club.

Sporting Notes.

Breit will put in Christmas at Cincinnati. Base ball on skates is the latest and newest sport in St. Louis.
Billy Madden and old Bill Clark were friends thirty years ago.
President Byrne of the Brooklyns may not live to see the new year.
Anson is now talked of as chief of the umpire staff in the big League.
The Walcott-Tracey fight is now scheduled.

den three of the professionals used heavy puncture-proof tires, one had a brake on his wheel, one a gear case, presumably to keep the smoke of the chain, and two appeared several times with bells on the handle bars.

One of the interesting developments of bicycle construction is the new Tinkham Jinks, or invalid chair cycle. The machines are in the form of a tricycle with a comfortable wicker chair, having an adjustable back and a footrest on the front.
None but expert riders can maintain a perfect equilibrium going at a speed of less than five miles per hour. The machine is only ordinary travel by bicycle, and fifteen miles would not attract much attention, except when the streets or roads are crowded.

A week from to-night Gus Ruhlin, the American champion, as Billy Madden calls him, instead of going against Steve O'Donnell, will meet three of the local men, one after the other, in a friendly sparring bout. Bob Douglas, Billy Mahan, Ed Fitzgerald and John Holtman are likely to be the three.

The only intimation on earth that Anson has given that he even contemplated leaving the Chicago club was when he said: "The Western League is all right; there are some good players in it, but it's not as good as the National League, though, and if a person could get a franchise in the big league now, he would be doing himself a good deal of good. I am going to get one in case of any severing relations with the Chicago club; but if such a thing could be done it would be more desirable than connection with the minor league."

Madison Turf Exchange.

Trains leave Washington avenue 12:35, 1:15, 1:35, 1:55, 2:50, 4:04, 4:47 and 5:35. Return 3:20, 4:25, 5:10, 6:10, 7:10.

BLOWN UP AND BURNED.

Tosetti Cafe and Mussey's Billiard Hall Destroyed by Fire.

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 23.—Fire shortly after 4 o'clock yesterday in the basement of the five-story building at 104 Madison street, the first floor and basement of which was occupied by the Tosetti Cafe and Restaurant Co., and the second floor by the billiard parlors of Mussey's, destroyed the building and the contents thereof. The blaze was insignificant at first, and a crowd of people gathered on the sidewalk in front of the building to watch the work of the firemen.

About a dozen policemen were busily engaged in pushing back the throng, when a terrific explosion of natural gas took place. The building was badly wrecked and the windows, window gratings, sidewalk lights and manhole covers were hurled into the air and fell among the crowd. Dozens of persons were thrown from their feet, and twenty-three were injured, only one of them being seriously hurt, however.

The explosion caused a panic in the street, and the frantic rush for safety which followed many persons were thrown down and trampled upon.
Mussey's billiard parlors were filled with players when the explosion came, and the fire spread rapidly in the building, and in ten minutes it was blazing fiercely. Call after call for additional engines was sent by Chief Sweeney, but the fire could only be reached in front and rear, and was difficult of access.

The loss is estimated at \$125,000, of which \$90,000 will fall on the Tosetti company, \$30,000 on Mussey and \$5,000 on Morris Rosenfeld, the owner of the building.

HORSES FOR EXPORTATION.

Efforts to Enlarge the Market for American Animals.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Secretary Wilson of the Agricultural Department is doing much to interest in the exportation of horses for sale in European markets. He believes there is no good reason why the United States should not supply many of the horses used abroad, and is especially impressed with the belief that we could breed in this country a class of horses which would be valuable for military purposes. The agents of the department in London and other places have been instructed to make reports on the demand for horses, the general questions and the style of horse, the demand, price, etc. This information will be embodied in one of the reports soon to be issued. C. E. Stubbs, agent of several horse associations in this country, will leave for Europe in a few days and investigate the horse markets of Europe with special reference to the demand for American horses. Stubbs has been in the department as a horse breeder who might be induced to embark in this business. He will be turned over to the department for publication.

The Short Line

To Florida via the Illinois Central. Daily through car service to Jacksonville.

DESPERATE BATTLES FOUGHT WITH RIFLES AND REVOLVERS.

KILLED THE TERROR OF THE A MURDERER AT BAY MAKES AN AWFUL FIGHT.

COUNTY.

RICHMOND, Ky., Dec. 23.—Late yesterday evening at Clover Bottom, Jackson County, Granville Hays shot and killed Frank Lakes, a notorious Jackson County desperado. The tragedy occurred in the Post-office at Clover Bottom. Lakes came to the office to see Hays, who had been invited to the office for his mail. He had some time ago had an altercation with Lakes, who renewed the trouble, arising with his Winchester. Hays responded with a Colt's revolver, firing five shots at his assailant, any one of which would have killed him. Lakes fell to the floor and expired without a groan. Lakes shot John Drew to death near the same place some months ago, for which crime he was out on bail. He was known as the terror of Jackson County. Hays, a slayer, is a peaceable young man, belonging to a good family. He surrendered to the authorities.

CHARGE MANY THINGS.

A Coal Mine Company Sues a Railroad for Damages.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Dec. 23.—The Junction Mining Co. has filed a suit for damages in the Sangamon Circuit Court against the Springfield Junction Coal Co. for \$400,000. The defendants are accused of the property for ten years. During their lease, hold, it is charged, the defendants changed the arrangements of the property by which entries and approaches were improperly made, and saved in entries and approaches on land not owned by plaintiff. The defendants were torn down, machinery and fixtures were badly damaged, and the shafts were illegally converted, the lessor of a railway, which was converted into an escapement shaft converted into a power shaft, headgear was removed for convenience of the defendants, and the shaft was so altered as to prevent the plaintiff from getting coal marketed.

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If you have not paid your taxes do so before January 1st, 1898, and save penalty and costs.

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THREE LITTLE Gold Crackers
CURE A COLD IN ONE NIGHT.
FULLY PREPARED BY DR. J. C. MOFFITT, ST. LOUIS, MO.
MOTT WEST DRUG CO. ST. LOUIS, MO.

LUMBER SCHOONER ASHORE.

Will Be a Total Loss, but Her Crew Was Rescued.

CAPE HENRY, Va., Dec. 24.—The three masted schooner Samuel Hall, Capt. Mumford, from Wilmington, N. C., to New York, loaded with lumber, went ashore at Chica-

micomico Life Saving Station, between 4 and 5 o'clock this morning. The crew of seven was saved. The vessel was in good condition but probably will be a total loss.

A Success.
The new parlor-cars on the Illinois Central's "Daylight Special" between St. Louis and Chicago are proving satisfactory and popular.

WIDOWS OF SOLDIERS REWARDED.

SHE GETS THIRTY-ONE YEARS' BACK PENSION.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 24.—A pension has been granted to the widow of Knud Knudsen, a soldier in the late war, the back pay of which aggregates over \$4,000. The man was a native of Norway and was married to the woman who now gets the pension, in April, 1883. Knudsen immigrated to this country in 1881, enlisted Jan. 27, 1882, in Company H, 13th Regiment, Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry, and died in service Oct. 15, 1894, thirty-one years after the soldier's death, the widow, who has never left Norway, applied for a pension. Under the present law she has title, and the claim must be allowed, granting arrears from the date of the soldier's death, making the first payment amount to between \$4,000 and \$5,000.

DID HER DUTY AS A WIFE AND MOTHER.

SHELBYVILLE, Ill., Dec. 24.—Mrs. Mary E. Burrus of Herborn, this county, has been given a Christmas gift which will be very gratifying to her and her eighteen fatherless children. The gift is not really a gift. It is merely her due, long delayed. She arrived at last in the shape of the biggest pension ever granted to the widow of a soldier in Shelby County. Mrs. Burrus married Veteran George Burrus in 1874. Each year save one up to 1896 there was a child born to the marriage. In 1885 twice came along to make up the deficiency of the year before. There are eighteen of the children living. The father died in 1896, and was buried with the title of the Grand Army post of which he was a member. Then his widow went about getting a pension for his widow, in which they were eminently successful.



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Dainty, Light Biscuits made with JACK FROST.
The lightest and whitest of all Baking Powders. Use it for all pastry and be always pleased.
Fair price, 25c a pound.
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Call and see our bargains in Diamonds, Solid Gold, Filled and Silver Watches, Chains, Charms, Rings and Jewelry of all kinds. Matheuse Clocks and Musical Instruments. Diamonds a Specialty.

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KATHRYN KIDDER.
Presenting the Entertaining Society Drama, "LOVES AT WAR."
POPULAR PRICES.
50c—XMAS MATINEE—50c
Next Week—Ralph Stuart—"The Westerner."

HOPKINS
10 VISIONS OF ART.
20 Drama... ESMERALDA
30 Vaudeville—El Zobedi, Ancion, Eltrot and ten others.
STANDARD. Matheuse
HARRY MORRIS.
20th Century Maids.
Next Week—Bally & Woods' Big Show.

OLYMPIC-MODJESKA
And Mr. Joseph Haworth.
Friday (To-Night).....MAGDA
Saturday (Christmas).....MARTY
SUNDAY.....MARTY
Next Week—MARTY.....MARTY

NEXT WEEK—SUNDAY NIGHT
THE SPORTING DUCKS.
GREAT ALL-STAR CAST.
Seats Now on Sale.

HAYLIN'S
Popular with the people and a popular price.
15c—25c—35c
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IMPERIAL 10c-15c
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20 Vaudeville and Edith's View.
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Next Week—MARTY.....MARTY

CENTURY. \$1.75c 50c, 25c.
WILTON LACKAYE
In the Romantic Comedy Drama.
THE ROYAL SECRET.
MATINEE SATURDAY.
MONDAY, SOL SMITH RUSSELL.
DAG. 27c.
Next Week—MARTY.....MARTY

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For the thorough education of girls and young women. Advancement brought in for the year 27th year opens in January. Your daughter will be under the care of a well-ordered house, and her instruction under skillful, experienced instructors. For circulars address:
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DAN CREEDON ON THE MANLY ART.

Dan Creedon, the middle-weight fighter, who was defeated by Charles (Kid) McCoy recently, described to a World artist the sensations of a man receiving punishment in a prize-fight. Mr. Creedon said:
"I want you to see that you never want to believe any boxer who tells you he likes punishment. A fat looks mighty big to a man who has been punished in a boxing bout."

"It takes superhuman determination to stand up and continue to box when your eyes are half closed and the crowd is yelling and shouting even if you don't want to acknowledge it."
"I have been hit on the jaw and it felt as though my face was broken in four or five places and as though my head had gone back so far I could never get it forward again, and as though my windpipe was just broke in two."

"Although, even at that, when you land a good, solid, smashing blow there seems to be a current that comes from that makes you yourself again and that keeps you going till you win or get put out. But none of it is any fun. I want to tell you, and a prize-fighter earns all he gets."

uled for Tuesday next in Chicago.
Patsy Tebeau is expected home from the West some time after the Christmas holidays.
A week from to-night St. Louisans will be given their first glimpse of big Gus Ruhlin.
Pitcher Donahue, late of the Browns who has signed with Philadelphia, is still in town.
Billy Joyce has given it out to his close friends that he will play first for the New York Giants next year.
President C. H. Byrne of the Brooklyn club was lying very low last night, and is expected to die at any moment.
Lee La Blanche, St. Louis' crack lightweight, defeated Frank Brown last night in a four-round battle in North St. Louis.
State Jack King says he would like to have a four-round fight with Gus Ruhlin. Big Jack can be found at Tom Kelly's at any time.
To-morrow poor Delehanty takes his benefit at Sportsman's Park. Every foot-ball enthusiast in St. Louis should be there to give poor Del a lift.
The South Side Cousing Club will meet to-morrow night to decide whether entries will stand or new ones be taken for the New Year's cousing.

The Christmas cousing match at South Side Park has been postponed from Christmas to New Year's day, owing to the frozen condition of the ground there.

"Tod Sloan is paid \$250 a month in a fee of less than two minutes. Elkes was paid \$75 for riding a wheel six days, with intervals of thirty minutes every six hours."

Mr. Henry Stoppelwerth, manager of the club of its members to a grand turkey dinner, to be given Christmas day at the club's elegant rooms in North St. Louis.

Manager Gallenrie says that in the future the bicycle Colognum track must have the complete sanction of the A. W. The track has not yet been re-instituted, but is likely to be at any moment. The question is being considered of prohibiting a member of the national or State League of American Wheelmen from being employed in any way with races for profit.

In the six-day race at Madison Square Garden.
There is a class of people who are injured by the use of coffee. Recently a preparation called GRAIN-O, made of pure decaffeinated coffee, was introduced. It is a delicate stomachic and does not contain any of the harmful elements of coffee. It is sold in 10c and 25c packages. Try it. Ask for GRAIN-O.

Crack Shot Robinson.
SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 24.—Crittenden Robinson, the veteran pigeon shot, who represented California in the National Pigeon Shooting contest last spring, has decided to attempt a left this city last night for New York and will sail next week for Liverpool. He has arranged to go to Monte Carlo by the middle of next month, and will take a hand in all big events of the shooting programme, which is to open at the famous resort about Jan. 24.

Thursday's Track Winners.
At New Orleans—Dave S., Gilray, Courtney, What Next, Rehoboth.
At San Francisco—Miss Alice, O'Fleeta, Dr. Marks, Personne, Gold Dust, Martha II.

"Any old thing"

will do to clean with—some women think. Anything is good enough for them—if they can get a lot of it for little money. This is unwise, surely. Isn't it worth while to find out which will do the most work, and do it without harm to paint and woodwork and fine surfaces? Pearlina is the best cleaner. Pearlina saves rubbing—saves work and wear. Nothing is too good for it.
It will wash and clean everything that water doesn't hurt.

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THE ANNUAL ELECTION MAY PROVE A RECORD BREAKER.

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MANY CANDIDATES NAMED.

BITTER STRUGGLE BETWEEN FACTIONS AND THE PROPHETS ARE ALL AT SEA.

INDEPENDENTS ARE STRONG.

Membership Now Nearly Three Thousand and the Voting Strength is Estimated Within Five Hundred of That Number.

The annual election of the Merchants' Exchange promises to be warmer than was at first expected.

Both in the number of candidates and the drawing of factional lines it may be a record breaker.

Three branches of the membership have already put up candidates in the field, and there will probably be a fourth, who will run as an independent candidate and will have a strong following.

The independents have three strings to their bow. They expect to place in nomination Moses Fraley, Otto Stifel or Clark H. Sampson. They believe that either of these at the head of the ticket would command the vote of the element known as outsiders, the hundreds of men who, while they hold memberships and are entitled to a vote, are seldom seen on the floor.

Moses Fraley, they figure, would be supported by the insurance men, and many of the stock brokers, as well as a large number of the regular grain traders.

Otto Stifel could be relied on to poll the vote of the heavy grain shippers, the barley men, the barley men, while not strong numerically, have an immense influence in the affairs of the Exchange.

Two years ago, when they supported Marquard Forster for President, they elected every

candidate on their ticket except its head, and he was beaten by only twelve votes.

Of the three candidates already in the field, William P. Kennett seems to have the most support.

Henry Kraft is avowedly the millers' candidate. He has an advantage in that he is what is termed a "corner man."

The corners comprise the dealers in flour, provisions and feed, as well as the speculative grain traders.

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For Directors—Jacob Schreiner, Joseph Buckland, H. W. Beck and J. A. Jenne.

It is understood that if the members see no chance to nominate Otto Stifel for President, they will support Clark H. Sampson.

In that event, it is said, either Buckland or Beck will leave the board, and the other will be elected.

The election will be held Jan. 4.

His Wife Declares the San Antonio Telegrams to Be Exaggerated.

A dispatch from San Antonio, Tex., announces that S. H. Clark, former president of the Union Pacific Railroad, is too ill to leave his home.

The telegram was shown Mr. Clark, at the family residence, 2021 First street, Friday.

Mr. Clark is said to be in a very weak condition, and it is believed that he will not survive.

Through Pullman Sleepers daily St. Louis to Jacksonville via Louisville, Lexington, Chattanooga, Atlanta, Jacksonville, St. Louis.

Excursion tickets information 104 North Broadway.

DEATHS.

MANCHESTER—On Friday, December 24, 1897, at 1 p. m., Mary A. Manchester, widow of John Manchester.

At her home, residence, 3225 Eads avenue, Sunday, December 28, at 2 p. m., Mrs. Mary A. Manchester (Miss) and Dayton (O.) papers please copy.

PROVISIONS.

PORK—Market steady and unchanged. Standard mess, 100 lbs., \$10.00; city, 100 lbs., \$9.50.

BEANS—Market steady. Standard mess, 100 lbs., \$10.00; city, 100 lbs., \$9.50.

WHEAT—Market steady. Standard mess, 100 lbs., \$10.00; city, 100 lbs., \$9.50.

BARLEY—Market steady. Standard mess, 100 lbs., \$10.00; city, 100 lbs., \$9.50.

RYE—Market steady. Standard mess, 100 lbs., \$10.00; city, 100 lbs., \$9.50.

BUCKWHEAT—Market steady. Standard mess, 100 lbs., \$10.00; city, 100 lbs., \$9.50.

ON THE STREET.

(The Post-Dispatch quotations are for lots in first base, and are for cash.)

STRAWBERRIES—Market steady. Standard mess, 100 lbs., \$10.00; city, 100 lbs., \$9.50.

LEMONS—Market steady. Standard mess, 100 lbs., \$10.00; city, 100 lbs., \$9.50.

LIMONS—Market steady. Standard mess, 100 lbs., \$10.00; city, 100 lbs., \$9.50.

ORANGES—Market steady. Standard mess, 100 lbs., \$10.00; city, 100 lbs., \$9.50.

PEACHES—Market steady. Standard mess, 100 lbs., \$10.00; city, 100 lbs., \$9.50.

APRICOTS—Market steady. Standard mess, 100 lbs., \$10.00; city, 100 lbs., \$9.50.

PLUMS—Market steady. Standard mess, 100 lbs., \$10.00; city, 100 lbs., \$9.50.

CHERRIES—Market steady. Standard mess, 100 lbs., \$10.00; city, 100 lbs., \$9.50.

THE NERVE OF AS WHITMAN.

Told a Hard Luck Story, Got a Job and Robbed His Benefactor.

William C. Jewell, president of the Jewell Chemical Works, at Collins and Biddle streets, had a serio-comic experience with a negro named Jonas Whitman a few days ago.

Jonas called at Mr. Jewell's place of business Monday and said he was out of work and poverty stricken.

Mr. Jewell's heart was touched, and he ended Jonas' misery by putting him to work. The darky was overjoyed at his good fortune and after he had worked for a few months he had cramped the streets in a weary but vain endeavor to find employment.

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TRIBUTE TO ST. LOUIS.

Bradstreet's Retiring Manager Talks of This Town's Solidity.

J. W. Swann of the New York office will have temporary charge of Bradstreet's in this city, pending action on the appointment of a successor to manage R. S. Chambers.

"At least that is my assumption," said Mr. Swann, who arrived Friday morning. "The executive office has not yet accepted Mr. Chambers' resignation, but it will go into effect before the first of January, and knowing that I am on the ground, and appreciating the importance of a first-class man here I presume there will be no haste about appointing the new man."

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IT'S AN EDISON BILL.

THAT IS WHAT COUNCILMAN THUNDER SAYS OF THE LIGHTING ORDINANCE.

HORTON ALONE VOTED FOR IT.

Mr. Thuner Thinks the Excuse for a Fifteen-Year Contract is Not Sufficiently Substantial.

The ordinance providing for the new city lighting contract was killed in the Council Thursday evening by a vote of 12 to 1.

Mr. Horton, chairman of the Public Improvements Committee, who made the minority report on the bill, voted for it.

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NO, BRADY DIDN'T LIE.

He Just Said Things That "Didn't Go."

APPEARS IN A NEW LIGHT.

BEING UNDER OATH, ONE MUST UNDERSTAND, IS DIFFERENT, EVEN FOR A POLITICIAN.

TELLS ALL ABOUT THE \$1,200.

But It May Be Fortunate He Is Not Called On to Account for the Other Funds at the Same Time.

Hugh Brady has told at last what he did with that \$1,200 he got from Col. Ed Butler in the interest of the capital removal amendment.

His story was a surprise to the attorneys for the Sedalia Board of Trade, which is suing Mr. Brady to recover the \$1,200 on the theory that he kept it for his own use.

Mr. Brady gave all that money away to politicians, mostly to fellow members of the City Democratic Committee, all but a paltry \$100 or \$150, which he kept himself. At least Mr. Brady says that is what became of the stuff.

It is true Mr. Brady on one occasion explained that he got the \$1,200 from Col. Ed Butler in payment for some more or less valuable mining stocks. On another occasion he told Mr. Edwin Harrison that he had put the money in his pocket because it was Brady's money.

Mr. Brady's explanation of these discrepancies is charmingly simple, if not convincing. He said that he did not recognize the right of Mr. Harrison or any other man to demand an accounting of that money, and to suit his own purposes he had mislaid his questions, but being under oath yesterday he told the truth about it for the first time.

The history of the transaction dates back about a year and a half in the minds of all. The Sedalia Board of Trade placed \$1,200 in Col. Ed Butler's hands to be used in St. Louis to further the capital removal amendment. Col. Butler gave \$1,300 of it to Mr. Brady by the name of a loan, and he gave the balance to other politicians. No satisfactory account having been given of how the money was used, the Sedalia Board of Trade got from Col. Butler for information. Col. Butler brought suit against Hugh Brady. The suit was dismissed in summary judgment, but Mr. Edwin Harrison and others Mr. Brady explained that he got the \$1,200 from Col. Butler in payment of some stocks. Finally the Sedalia Board of Trade brought suit against Mr. Brady direct, instead of the intermediary, Col. Butler.

Mr. Brady's next move through his attorneys was to try to throw the case out of court on a demurrer setting forth that the money had been given to him for a lawful purpose, namely of improperly influencing voters and, therefore, the plaintiff had no valid action against him. The demurrer was overruled and incidentally the court informed Mr. Brady first, that the purpose was not unlawful, and second, if it was, a man could not divert money to his own use or for his own purposes, and escape being sued on such a plea.

The suit, therefore, was ordered to trial on its merits and is set for Jan. 3 next. Mr. Brady gave his depositions yesterday and that he was abandoning other lines of defense, he told who got the money.

The trend of Mr. Brady's deposition apparently was in two directions—first to show that he got the money from Col. Butler and was not liable to the Sedalia Board of Trade for its proper expenditure; and second, that the money was actually expended in the interest of the capital removal amendment.

The deposition was taken before Commissioner Fred A. Wislizenus in his office in the Walnut street building. Messrs. Garasche and Rowe appeared for Mr. Brady, and Messrs. Blevins and O'Brien represented the Sedalia Board of Trade. Mr. Brady's daughter accompanied him, but she left after a short time.

Mr. Brady testified that he was chairman of the Democratic City Committee prior to November 2, 1896. He explained how it was organized, and gave the names of its members. The only other committee was the State Committee. He always understood that the City Committee was subordinate to the State Committee. The secretary kept a record of all receipts and disbursements. He said he knew Charles E. Yeater of Sedalia. He had met him once at Col. Butler's office. He knew Col. Butler well. He had not held a conversation with Mr. Yeater in Col. Butler's office about the capital removal amendment. He did not remember seeing Denny Ryan or Charles Higgins there.

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Mr. Yeater said he had \$1,400 to give Col. Butler to boom the capital removal in St. Louis and he expressed the hope that it would do it. He said he would make a wealthy man of him (Yeater). Mr. Yeater left it to Col. Butler to do as he pleased with the money. He did not know how the money should be used. He said that Mr. Yeater had given him any instructions. Col. Butler told him to do as he saw fit with the money. No one was present at the interview but Mr. Yeater, Col. Butler and witness. He did not remember having seen Denny Ryan or Charles Higgins there.

Witness was then asked how much, if any, of that \$1,400 he received. His counsel objected, unless it were shown that it was the identical money given to Col. Butler. The objection was overruled and Mr. Brady then admitted having received a check for \$1,200 from Col. Butler, which he understood was given him for the capital removal amendment. He did not remember seeing Mr. Yeater give Col. Butler a check for \$1,400.

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"That was not the true facts in the case," said the witness. "I didn't think that Mr. Harrison or the gentlemen with him had the right to demand an explanation and it suited me to mislead them. Now I recognize that I am required to tell the truth."

Witness did not remember telling Mr. Harrison that he had put the money in his pocket and "it belonged to Brady." He did not remember showing a receipt to Gov. Stephens, purporting to be from these men mentioned, showing that these payments were made. He said he did not know where the money was.

"I cannot say for certain that I did. I showed Gov. Stephens a whole bundle of documents. Yes, I did. But it didn't show him the receipts."

"Then how do you reconcile this with your former answer that you did not remember whether these men gave you receipts?"

Mr. Brady did not remember having written a letter to the Post-Dispatch after Col. Butler's interview touching the \$1,200 transaction had been printed.

"There were so many interviews about that time," said the witness, "I could not keep track of them all. Some of them had nothing to do with me, and I just let them go at that."

On being asked if he remembered who had given him receipts, he named Bradshaw, Griffin and Stussell. He could not remember who gave him the money.

The question as to whether he still had those receipts was objected to by the defense. Asked if he would produce them, he said he would.

In reply to a question, witness said he did not receive the money from the plaintiff in the case, but from Col. Butler.

Mr. Blevins hoped to finish with the witness in the highest of spirits, but he was taken by surprise that he was not prepared to give an answer to the question. The new line of defense was that the money was taken until next Thursday at 10 a. m.

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BRER RABBITS HERE.

HE COMES FIFTEEN HUNDRED STRONG TO BRING CHRISTMAS CHEER TO THE POOR.

T. J. ROWSE IS A SANTA CLAUS.

Farmers of Marion, Ralls and Shelby Counties With Big Hearts and Trusty Guns Lend Aid.

Five thousand of the poor of St. Louis will eat rabbit for their Christmas dinner. Fifteen hundred of the little animals arrived Friday morning for free distribution.

The idea originated with T. J. Rowse of Monroe City, Mo., editor of the Monroe County Democrat. He suggested that the citizens of Monroe County join in a grand rabbit hunt.

The big-hearted citizens of Marion, Ralls and Shelby Counties said, "Rowse, that's a good idea. We'll go with you." The citizens of Monroe County join in a grand rabbit hunt.

It was sport for the farmers and would give Christmas cheer to thousands. "Only the rabbits had a kick coming," the farmers said, "and they kicked the bucket."

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THE THEATERS.

Kathryn Kidder's play, "Loves at War," was presented last night at the Fourteenth Street Theater for the first time on any stage. It is painful to an admirer of Miss Kidder to admit it, but the cold and brutal truth is, the play is foolish and nasty. The only thing that is amusing is that it is so bad that it is amusing. Miss Kidder, the actress, should take Miss Kidder, the authoress, to a secluded spot and tell her to quit it; that in the matter of writing plays she is "the woman who never could know and never could understand." The story of the play is about a young woman with a pile of money, a lover, a husband and a lot of queer acquaintances. In the first act the young woman gets huffy with her husband because he is not a millionaire. In the second she persuades the lover that it would be a good thing for them to run away together because the husband suspects that the lover has a liaison with another woman. In the third act the heroine finds that her husband is inclined to regard the supposed affair between the lover and the other woman complacently, so she "passes up" her "date" with the lover and sits down to let her husband tell her how much she loves her. While he is doing this she dies. The husband harangues the corpse for several minutes before he discovers that he has talked the heroine to death. Then he calls in a servant and they lay out the corpse while the orchestra plays "Heart Bowed Down," and the audience files out filled with sorrow that Miss Kidder didn't have a guardian to keep her from doing it. Incidentally several queer characters drift on and off the stage and talk the arms off each other. Among them is a German professor, who is made rather funny by Gustave Frankel. There is also a young creature who thinks it a good joke to be secretly wedded and encourage all the men she knows to yearn for her. Elizabeth Woodson has the role and gets out of it all the time. It is "tough girl" who makes resolutions to quit drinking—because "the lady give me \$50, see"—is introduced as a typical female society reporter. Why Miss Kidder did this is beyond comprehension, unless it is that she remembers something about the same woman journalist wrote about her. It is the crudest and most vicious caricature ever inflicted on a long-suffering public. Miss Kidder needs looking after. "Loves at War" is advertised as to-night's bill.

A beautiful production of "Macbeth" was given at the Olympia by Mme. Modjeska, with Joseph Haworth in the title role. There was a close attention to detail. The scenery was effective presentation of the tragedy—from the stage manager's point of view—has never been seen in St. Louis. Electrical effects were so skillfully utilized that the spectators forgot that there was such a thing as practicable electricity. It all seemed Nature's work. Modjeska as Lady Macbeth with Mr. Haworth as Macbeth is a combination that justifies Sir Henry Irving's contention that the Thane of Cawdor is the dominant character of the play. Modjeska makes the Thane's wife essentially womanly. She is capable of a prodigious deed, but not of sustained effort. After the murder of Duncan has brought his crimson stained emulments, she requires from her husband the support she gave him in the hour of his guilt. Macbeth as interpreted by Mr. Haworth is the ideal foil for Modjeska's Lady Macbeth. He is constitutionally vigorous, and desperate with ambition. His weaknesses are the result of a change of habit. From the soldier to the assassin is a far cry for him and the transition makes him nervous. It was a great performance and Mr. Haworth got the bulk of the honors. "Macbeth" will be repeated to-night.

Sol Smith Russell is coming to the Grand next week. Mr. Russell is the good wine that needs no bush, but it is interesting to note that after four performances of "A Bachelor's Romance" he will present a triple bill which includes "The Taming of the Shrew" and that he will appear once in "The Rivals."

"McFadden's Row of Flats," its pretty girls and funny men are delighting the patrons of Havlin's. "Fallen Among Thieves" will be seen at this house next week. It had a big run last season.

Bud Mantz, treasurer of the Olympic, will have a benefit about the middle of January during the engagement of "The Gelsia."

Miss May Smith, the statuesque young woman who poses as "The Polar Star" and in "The Prize Cup" in Keith's pictures at Hopkins Theater, has received many compliments on her artistic work. She is a professional model and next week will pose for the students in the St. Louis Art Club. This will not interfere with her theater work.

Ralph Stewert, who was leading man in the Hopkins stock company last season, and who made many friends, is coming to the Fourteenth Street Theater next week. He will present "The Westerner."

"Don Caesar de Bazan" is drawing well at the Imperial. Mr. Redmond as Don Caesar and Miss McIntyre as Maritana are particularly commendable. "Cymbeline" will be presented next week, with Miss McIntyre as Imogen.

Barley McCullum, stage director at Hopkins' Grand Opera House, will leave Sunday for New York. He gave two weeks' term of the grand opera with Madame Winston. Miss Winston wanted a certain part and Mr. McCullum refused to cast her for it. She appealed to the management and won. Then there was trouble between Miss Winston and Miss Robertson about the "business" of the play, all of which was settled by the management.

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